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For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING CELL GROWTH AND
ALCOHOL PRODUCTION DURING FERMENTATION

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This is a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121 mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on December 30, 2003. As per 37 CFR 1.121(h), the entire "Amendments to the Claims" section of the amendment filed December 1, 2003 is re-submitted herewith.

Resubmission of the Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims

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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (12 pages); and
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